encroached upon was ready to beat those people. Therefore the Pulayas left the dead body there and ran away for life. The Hon'ble Minister may be pleased to find out a burial ground for these people.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I will look into the matter.

Demand put and carried

Rs. 1,000—2-C-Veterinary—Cost of Medicines

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "2 C—Veterinary—Cost of medicines". Due to the high increase in the cost of medicines, the budget provision for purchasing medicines for the Veterinary institutions has become insufficient to meet the actual requirements. Savings also are not available. Hence this request.

Demand put and carried

Rs. 500 under 4—Co-operative—Miscellaneous

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "4 - Co-operative—Miscellaneous". An amount of Rs. 500 given to the Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Society No. 335 had to be written off since the Society was subsequently liquidated. To write off the amount under Advances an amount of Rs. 500 has to be adjusted from "4 Co-operative—Miscellaneous" for purposes of accounts. There is no provision under the head for the same. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 500 is necessary under the above head.

Demand put and carried

Rs. 17 under 12 Jails—Cranganur—Dearness allowance

Rs. 124 under 11-A—Dearness allowance

Rs. 1,666 under 16-C—Dearness allowance

Rs. 214 under 16-C—Dearness allowance by transfer from District Magistrate

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I shall move items 16, 17, 18 and 19. All of them relate to dearness allowance, one in the Cranganur Jail and the others in the Magisterial Department. I request that the amounts may kindly he sanctioned.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Mr. President, I stand up here with very great reluctance to oppose this motion. Let me not be misunderstood as getting up to oppose a demand which is asked for granting dearness allowance to a particular class of Government servants. The object I have in view, Sir, in opposing this demand is to rivet the attention of the Government upon that this Honourable House is not satisfied with a dearness allowance of Rs. 6 up to Rs. 60. The present dearness allowance is to the extent of an amount of Rs. 6 and limiting its scope to persons drawing a pay of Rs. 60 per month. In other words, those drawing more than Rs. 60 do not draw anything and those drawing below Rs. 60 get Rs. 6 only. The object in opposing this motion is to request the Government that they may be pleased, regard being had to the high prices now obtaining with reference to every article necessary for human existence, to increase the amount of dearness allowance by a few rupees more and to give the same to all officers and other Government servants drawing a monthly salary of Rs. 125 a month as is done in the Province of Madras. I am sure the Government's attention would have been drawn to the recent order of the Madras Government in this behalf wherein it is stated as follows.—

"In view of the further rise in the cost of living the Government of Madras have decided to grant with effect from June 1943 increased rates of dearness allowance to Government servants serving under them including those whose headquarters are situated in Indian States adjoining the Madras Presidency. For those drawing pay below Rs. 40 a month the monthly rate of allowance in areas A and B will be Rs 8½ and in area C 6½. For those drawing pay of Rs. 40 or more but not above Rs. 125 in areas A and B, the allowance will be Rs. 11, for those drawing pay of Rs. 40 or more but not above Rs. 90 in area C the allowance will be Rs. 9.

"Persons drawing pay of more than Rs. 125 but not more than Rs. 136 in areas A and B will receive such allowances as will bring their total emoluments up to Rs. 136 a month; similarly persons drawing pay of more than Rs. 90 in area C will receive as will bring their total emoluments up to Rs. 99 a month."

Such a liberal order has been passed and acted upon by the Madras Government which in very many good cases has been and ought to be a guide for Cochin. My request to the

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